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PUBLIC 9 An Act To Amend the Law Governing Student Rates on Maine State Ferry Service Ferries LD 224

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAMON PINGREE	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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Public Law 2005, chapter 9 allows year-round free use of the scheduled Maine State Ferry Service to the towns of North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro, Swan's Island and Frenchboro for school functions or school-sponsored activities.

PUBLIC 14 An Act To Amend the Definition of Authorized Emergency Vehicle LD 39

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> COURTNEY WHEELER	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-16
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Public Law 2005, chapter 14 defines a rescue vehicle as a vehicle operated by a municipal rescue chief, deputy chief or assistant chief. The law further designates a rescue vehicle as an “authorized emergency vehicle” and allows a rescue vehicle to be equipped with a red light or a combination of red and white light.

PUBLIC 15 An Act To Allow Animal Control Officers and Individuals Who Collect Trash To Use Flashing Amber Lights on Their Vehicles LD 113

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BROWNE SAVAGE	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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Public Law 2005, chapter 15 allows animal control officers and businesses that collect trash to use flashing amber lights on their vehicles.

PUBLIC 31 An Act To Amend the Law Pertaining to Nitrous Oxide Systems LD 71

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCKENNEY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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Public Law 2005, chapter 31 allows a person to operate a motor vehicle equipped with a nitrous oxide system on a public way if the vehicle is en route to or from a car show, a fill station or an off-highway competition or event.

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PUBLIC 34 An Act Concerning Street Rod Standards

LD 395

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MERRILL SAVAGE	OTP	

Public Law 2005, chapter 34 repeals the requirement of membership in a qualified street rod owners organization in order to qualify a vehicle as a street rod.

PUBLIC 36 An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the EMERGENCY Expenditures of State Government, Highway Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007

LD 739

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARLEY DAMON	OTP-AM	H-72

Public Law 2005, chapter 36 does the following:

Part A makes allocations of funds.

Part B adjusts allocations of funds representing reduction proposals or adjustments to current services.

Part C requires the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the Highway Fund from extending the amortization schedule of the unfunded liability of the Maine State Retirement System for fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07.

Part D requires the calculation and transfer of statewide savings and identification of position eliminations in the Highway Fund from the review of the current organizational structure, systems and operations of information technology units.

Part E requires the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the Highway Fund from savings in the cost of health insurance for fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07.

Part F provides one-time funding to the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability for the review of departments and agencies that are funded by the Highway Fund.

Part G uses \$2,000,000 of the anticipated \$8,150,000 increase in the funding of the Urban-Rural Initiative Program for funding municipal sand and salt storage facilities on a one-time basis for fiscal year 2005-06 and fiscal year 2006-07. This Part also directs the Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Protection, to investigate and submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation whether environmental and health benefits of constructing some or all Priority 3 sand and salt storage facilities outweigh the cost of such construction.

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Public Law 2005, chapter 36 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 1, 2005.

PUBLIC 37 EMERGENCY	An Act To Make Additional Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of State Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2005	LD 738
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARLEY DAMON		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-46
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Public Law 2005, chapter 37 does the following.

Part A authorizes certain transfers of excess equity of the State Retiree Health Insurance Fund to the General Fund Compensation and Benefit Plan account and Highway Fund Compensation and Benefit Plan account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and to the Highway Fund unallocated surplus and other funds or entities of origin.

Part B makes allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Public Law 2005, chapter 37 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 1, 2005.

PUBLIC 54	An Act To Clarify Matters Relating to the Offices of Secretary and Treasurer of the Maine Turnpike Authority	LD 202
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCKENNEY		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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Public Law 2005, chapter 54 clarifies that the offices of secretary and treasurer of the Maine Turnpike Authority may be held simultaneously by 2 persons or by one person.

PUBLIC 66 EMERGENCY	An Act To Exempt Certain Tires from the Speed Rating Requirements	LD 418
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SMITH N		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-117
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Public Law 2005, chapter 66 removes the requirement that a vehicle must be equipped with tires that meet or exceed the load and speed rating of the original equipment tires.

Public Law 2005, chapter 66 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 29, 2005.

PUBLIC 71	An Act To Promote Access to Transportation for Seniors	LD 36
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRENNAN DUDLEY	OTP	

Public Law 2005, chapter 71 provides an exemption from dealer licensing laws for public or nonprofit organizations that use automobile donations to provide transportation for persons 65 years of age or older or that take personal automobiles in trade from persons 65 years of age or older in exchange for transportation services.

PUBLIC 80 An Act To Allow Retired Firefighters To Retain Their Firefighter License Plates LD 360

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON MARTIN	OTP-AM	H-131

Public Law 2005, chapter 80 allows retired firefighters to retain their firefighter license plates with approval from the fire chief, assistant fire chief or acting fire chief. Upon the death of the firefighter, the law allows the family of the firefighter to retain the license plate but prohibits its use on a vehicle.

PUBLIC 95 An Act To Exempt Insurers of Commercial Vehicle Fleets from the Requirement of Notification to the Secretary of State When Insurance Is Cancelled LD 528

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVAGE MCKENNEY	OTP-AM	S-95

Public Law 2005, chapter 95 exempts the insurer of a fleet of 3 or more vehicles with commercial fleet automobile coverage from the requirement to notify the Secretary of State when insurance is cancelled, terminated or lapsed.

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PUBLIC 106 An Act To Permit the Stopping of Traffic by Charitable Nonprofit Organizations for Certain Fund-raising Projects LD 1217

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLETT	OTP MAJ	
NASS R	ONTP MIN	

Public Law 2005, chapter 106 exempts a charitable nonprofit organization incorporated in or recognized by the State from the laws prohibiting the stopping of traffic by hawkers and vendors if the organization receives municipal and local law enforcement authorization for an event or project.

PUBLIC 141 An Act To Prohibit Passing in Designated No-passing Zones LD 1082

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CARR	OTP-AM	H-209
DAVIS P		

Public Law 2005, chapter 141 prohibits passing a vehicle when the road is painted with an unbroken center line or an unbroken line in the operator's lane. The law also clarifies that the placing of highway markings on a roadway is prima facie evidence that the markings have been placed by the official act or direction of lawful authority.

PUBLIC 167 An Act To Allow Firefighters and Emergency Service Personnel To Direct Traffic LD 1337

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NASS R	OTP-AM	S-167

Public Law 2005, chapter 167 authorizes municipal and volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel to direct traffic at or reroute traffic around an emergency scene or training operation if the firefighters or emergency medical service personnel are trained in traffic direction and designated as public safety traffic flaggers by the chief official of the fire department or the emergency medical service. The law also creates 2 new traffic infractions, one for the operator failing to obey a public safety traffic flagger and the other for the registered owner of a vehicle involved in such an incident.

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PUBLIC 170 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Commercial Vehicle Length Limits

LD 13

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAMON MARLEY	OTP-AM	S-166

Public Law 2005, chapter 170 clarifies that a load on a combination vehicle with a 48-foot trailer may overhang the structural portion of the trailer as long as the overall length does not exceed 69 feet.

PUBLIC 174 An Act To Enhance Driver Education and Safety EMERGENCY

LD 555

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FLETCHER SNOWE-MELLO	OTP-AM	H-289

Public Law 2005, chapter 174 authorizes an advanced driver education course, establishes instructor licensing and curriculum requirements and provides penalties for noncompliance with the statutory provisions governing advanced driver education.

Public Law 2005, chapter 174 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 20, 2005.

PUBLIC 183 An Act To Allow Accent Lighting on Motor Vehicles

LD 1077

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAMPSON DAMON	OTP-AM	H-290

Public Law 2005, chapter 183 allows for auxiliary lights on the exterior of motor vehicles that conform to statutory requirements regarding size, color, visibility and location. The law also permits blue interior lighting on motor vehicles.

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PUBLIC 188 **An Act To Improve Landowners' Access to Their Land BY REQUEST** **LD 1038**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAYO	OTP-AM	S-145

Public Law 2005, chapter 188 clarifies that the Department of Transportation may waive certain requirements in rule and issue a permit for a driveway when no other location exists for vehicular access to a property unless it is determined inconsistent with access management safety standards.

PUBLIC 189 **An Act To Clarify the Law Relating to Motor Vehicle Repair Posters** **LD 831**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCKENNEY	OTP-AM	H-249

Public Law 2005, chapter 189 clarifies that a repair facility must provide notice that a fee for shop supplies is being charged if the repair facility charges a separate line item for shop supplies. The law requires repair facilities to provide notice that the repair facility used the same labor rate method in estimates and charges to customers. It also repeals a provision of law that requires a motor vehicle repair notice to include information on the National Automobile Dealer's Association Official Used Car Guide New England Edition.

PUBLIC 195 **An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Changeable Signs** **LD 498**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GLYNN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-291

Public Law 2005, chapter 195 authorizes a municipality to adopt an ordinance to regulate the changing of messages displayed on a changeable sign, except that a municipality may not allow flashing.

PUBLIC 234 **An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws Relating to the** **LD 1576**
EMERGENCY **Assignment of Security Interests**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVAGE	OTP-AM	S-185

Public Law 2005, chapter 234 provides an exemption to the requirements that a lienholder who assigns a security interest in a motor vehicle must notify the Secretary of State and have a certificate of title issued with the assignee named as lienholder for a lienholder who assigns a security interest if the lienholder retains the obligation to perform servicing functions in connection with the security interest.

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Public Law 2005, chapter 234 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 25, 2005.

PUBLIC 250	An Act Regarding the Collection, Use, Verification and Storage of Social Security Numbers	LD 763
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACOBSEN	ONTP MAJ	H-368
COURTNEY	OTP-AM MIN	

Public Law 2005, chapter 250 requires the Secretary of State to collect, store and verify the social security numbers of all applicants for driver's licenses or nondriver identification cards. The law also prohibits the Secretary of State from issuing a driver's license or nondriver identification card to a person who does not have a valid social security number unless the person provides written proof to the Secretary of State that the person is ineligible to receive a social security number.

PUBLIC 260	An Act To Protect Maine's Groundfishing Industry	LD 650
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STRIMLING	OTP	
MARLEY		

Public Law 2005, chapter 260 clarifies that a person who pays for fuel used in commercial groundfishing is eligible for a refund of the state taxes paid on that fuel, less the administrative fee of 1¢ per gallon.

PUBLIC 276	An Act To Allow Certain Modifications of Motor Vehicles	LD 1571
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS	OTP-AM	H-457
DOW		

Public Law 2005, chapter 276 provides that a motor vehicle may be modified, including the suspension and tires. The law also clarifies that a motor vehicle may not be operated on a public way or receive a certificate of inspection with a frame end height lower than the vehicle was originally manufactured if originally manufactured to be less than 10 inches.

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PUBLIC 277 An Act Regarding the Management and Use of Sears Island

LD 277

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCKENNEY COURTNEY	OTP-AM	H-439

Public Law 2005, chapter 277 requires the Commissioner of Transportation to bring before the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters for review and approval any proposal that would alter the current land use, ownership or jurisdiction of lands owned by the State within the Port of Searsport presently under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation.

PUBLIC 282 An Act To Facilitate Reimbursement of Public Utilities Relocation EMERGENCY Costs

LD 524

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOWEN SAVAGE	OTP-AM	H-458

Public Law 2005, chapter 282 allows the Department of Transportation to use federal transportation funds to reimburse a National Register Historic District for the portion of the cost to move or relocate overhead utilities underground on the National Highway System to the extent that such payments are eligible for reimbursement under the federal surface transportation program under 23 United States Code, Section 133 (2005).

Public Law 2005, chapter 282 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 2, 2005.

PUBLIC 299 An Act To Allow Emergency Responders To Equip Their Vehicles with 2 Emergency Flashing Lights

LD 243

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS G	OTP-AM	H-220 S-270 DAMON

Public Law 2005, chapter 299 allows personal vehicles of municipal and volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel to be equipped with flashing red or combination red and white lights facing to the front of the vehicle for use while en route to or at the scene of emergencies.

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**PUBLIC 312 An Act Relating to the Northern New England Passenger Rail
EMERGENCY Authority**

LD 505

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARLEY SAVAGE	OTP-AM	H-362 S-192 DAMON

Public Law 2005, chapter 312 amends the Passenger Rail Service Act as follows:

1. It repeals the section of law pertaining to initial funding for the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.
2. It expands the membership of the board of directors of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority to include the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, or designee and the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development or designee.
3. It requires members of the board of directors of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority who are appointed by the Governor to be confirmed by the Legislature.
4. It changes provisions relating to the liability of a passenger rail service provider to clarify that more than one passenger rail service provider may be covered under a single liability insurance policy.
5. It provides that any documents or records of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority relating to employment applications are confidential.
6. It directs the Department of Transportation to develop a plan to extend the current Downeaster passenger rail service northward from Portland to Brunswick and Rockland so that this extended service is in operation no later than January 1, 2008. It also directs the Department of Transportation to submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than January 1, 2006.

Public Law 2005, chapter 312 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 7, 2005.

**PUBLIC 313 An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Department of
Transportation's Contracting Authority**

LD 1662

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARLEY DAMON	OTP	

Public Law 2005, chapter 313 clarifies the Department of Transportation's authority to procure and let contracts for transportation-related services and contracts for construction and maintenance. It clarifies that the department may let contracts relating to all modes of transportation and confirms that the department may purchase supplies, materials and equipment necessary for project-specific maintenance activities. This law also confirms that the department may maintain qualifications and performance data for consultants and may prequalify bidders.

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PUBLIC 314 An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

LD 1341

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAMON MARLEY	OTP-AM	S-255

Public Law 2005, chapter 314 amends the motor vehicle laws as follows.

1. It amends the definition of an antique vehicle so that an antique vehicle cannot be an altered vehicle.
2. It expands the partial inspection requirements for a farm truck to include safety glass.
3. It expands the partial inspection requirements for a fish truck to include safety glass and tires.
4. It repeals language that establishes a fee and standards for modified show vehicles.
5. It inserts language that was inadvertently repealed during the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature making it a traffic infraction to operate a motor vehicle for the first 90 days with an expired Maine license.
6. It requires that vehicles registered in this State displaying a valid certificate of inspection from another state be inspected one year after the date of that inspection rather than by the certificate's inspection date.
7. It requires trailers and semitrailers to be equipped with 2 rear lights.
8. It repeals language requiring the Chief of State Police to maintain a paper record of each commercial vehicle stopped and required to be weighed.
9. It requires overwidth mowers and light farm vehicles and equipment moving on a highway at night to display clearance lights or reflectors.
10. It clarifies that a person who is served with a Violation Summons and Complaint for operating a motor vehicle with an inadequate or amplified muffler or exhaust system must provide satisfactory evidence that the muffler or exhaust system does not emit a noise in excess of 95 decibels.
11. It removes language that requires a vehicle used for plowing snow on private ways to be equipped with and use a rotary flashing light when entering a public way while engaged in a plowing activity.

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PUBLIC 321 An Act To Amend the Laws Regulating Custom Vehicles

LD 1163

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TRAHAN	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-517
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Public Law 2005, chapter 321 defines the term “custom vehicle” and establishes registration and safety inspection requirements for custom vehicles. It also requires the Chief of the State Police to convene a committee of interested parties to provide advice and technical assistance regarding custom vehicles and recommendations on potential inspection standards and procedures. It further requires the committee to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than February 1, 2006 with any findings and recommendations.

PUBLIC 405 An Act To Make Supplemental Highway Allocations for the LD 1363
EMERGENCY Expenditures of State Government and To Change Provisions of
the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government
for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARLEY DAMON	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-663
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Public Law 2005, chapter 405 does the following:

Part A makes allocations of funds.

Part B makes allocations for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C makes various statutory changes necessary to complete a financial reorganization of the Department of Transportation.

Part D makes changes to accomplish range changes for the Chief of the State Police and Deputy Chief of the State Police.

Part E deallocates funds for the Department of Transportation.

Part F authorizes the transfer of the unallocated balance of the Highway Fund at the end of fiscal year 2004-05 to the Department of Transportation for capital program needs.

Part G expands the use of the state infrastructure bank within the Department of Transportation to allow revolving loans to be made to state agencies, quasi-state government agencies and public and private utility districts.

Part H establishes the funding ratio for the radio network debt service in fiscal year 2007-08.

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Part I establishes a certain amount of nonlapsing funds for the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles at the end of fiscal year 2004-05 and allows the transfer of those funds from Personal Services to All Other.

Part J allocates funds for the Department of Transportation crew reclassification.

Part K establishes that the City of Portland is required to designate a light rail commuter corridor.

Part L deallocates funds for the State Police program within the Department of Public Safety.

Part M allocates funds for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Department of Transportation.

Part N establishes that a sportsman registration plate may not be issued until certain financial requirements are met.

Public Law 2005, chapter 405 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 17, 2005.

PUBLIC 411	An Act To Mandate Payment of Licensed Sign Language Interpreters for Driver Education Students	LD 446
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u> EDMONDS	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-168
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Public Law 2005, chapter 411 requires the Secretary of State to provide licensed interpreter services or computer-assisted real-time transcription for deaf and hard-of-hearing persons required to complete a driver education or motorcycle driver education course and examination in order to qualify for a driver's license or instruction permit.

PUBLIC 420	An Act To Recognize the Recipients of the Korea Defense Service Medal	LD 1148
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BROWN EDMONDS	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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Public Law 2005, chapter 420 adds the Korea Defense Service Medal to the list of special commemorative decals for medals awarded that can be used with special veterans registration plates.

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PUBLIC 421 An Act Allowing Certain Commercial Vehicles at Canadian Weight Limits To Travel from the Canadian Border at Calais to Baileyville

LD 334

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOY	OTP-AM MAJ	H-261
RAYE	ONTP MIN	S-319 MARTIN
		S-388 DAMON

Public Law 2005, chapter 421 authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation, upon approval of the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, to conduct a five-year pilot project allowing certain commercial vehicles at Canadian weight limits to travel from the Canadian border at Calais to Baileyville. The law requires trucks participating in the pilot project to display a credential obtained for a fee from the Secretary of State. The law also requires the Commissioner of Transportation to submit a report on the status of the pilot project and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters for presentation to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

PUBLIC 426 An Act To Amend the Axle Weight Laws

LD 657

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THOMAS	OTP-AM	H-459
MARTIN		S-390 DAMON

Public Law 2005, chapter 426 reduces the fines assessed for excessive axle weight violations by changing the methodology of fine calculations for certain 4-axle and 6-axle commercial vehicles and eliminates axle weight fine violations during the months of January and February on most state roads. The law repeals these provisions on September 15, 2007.

PUBLIC 428 An Act To Amend the Electronic Insurance Cancellation Notification Law

LD 634

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FISCHER	OTP-AM MAJ	H-518
DAMON	OTP-AM MIN	S-389 DAMON

Public Law 2005, chapter 428 allows a 15-day reconciliation period at the Secretary of State's office to reconcile motor vehicle insurance cancellations with reinstatements and policies placed with a different company before the Secretary of State sends out a notification of suspension. The law further requires the Secretary of State to accept evidence of motor vehicle insurance for insured persons who are changing insurance carriers electronically as of January 1, 2007.

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PUBLIC 433 An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws
EMERGENCY

LD 1463

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARLEY DAMON	OTP-AM	H-600

Public Law 2005, chapter 433 does the following:

1. It makes technical changes to the Medical Advisory Board;
2. It clarifies that the definition of "immediate family member" includes stepgrandparent, stepbrother, stepsister and stepchild;
3. It eliminates the current \$10 reactivation fee for registrants who voluntarily surrender or cancel their vehicle registrations;
4. It makes a violation of the vehicle title bond requirements under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 659 a traffic infraction in conformance with the definition and penalty applied for such infractions by the courts;
5. It exempts vehicles that are not self-propelled and vehicles 10 years or older from the requirement that the vehicle's odometer reading be disclosed at the time the vehicle is transferred to maintain consistency with federal law;
6. It exempts vehicle dealers that primarily sell vehicles more than 15 years old from selling more than one vehicle per month in order to qualify for renewal of dealer plates;
7. It exempts a vehicle dealer from state dealer licensing requirements if the dealer is licensed by another jurisdiction and sells vehicles only to licensed dealers in Maine;
8. It requires that all vehicles that have service vehicle plates attached to have the name of the licensed dealership on the sides of the vehicle;
9. It changes odometer fraud from a Class D to a Class C crime;
10. It makes operating a motor vehicle on Pickerel Pond a traffic infraction to maintain consistency in the designation of offenses in the motor vehicle laws;
11. It amends the definition of "school bus" to ensure that Maine is in conformance with federal law, while clarifying that the definition of "school bus" does not include a private school activity bus;
12. It allows the Secretary of State to suspend a registration if the registrant fails to provide information on the registration application as required under Title 29-A, section 401;
13. It expands insurance fraud reporting immunity protection to state law enforcement officers;

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14. It authorizes the Secretary of State to issue special commemorative decals for use with special veterans registration plates to applicants awarded the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal;
15. It requires the State to comply with applicable federal laws governing commercial driver's licenses;
16. It requires a person electing to pay a driver's license reinstatement fee electronically to pay the fee associated with the electronic transmittal;
17. It authorizes the Secretary of State to provide a copy of a driving history covering more than 3 years for a fee of \$10;
18. It creates fines for a new resident who fails to register a motor vehicle within 30 days of establishing residency;
19. It prohibits a person with a juvenile provisional license from operating a motor vehicle with any amount of alcohol in the blood;
20. It defines "access aisle" and prohibits a person from parking in the access aisle; and
21. It clarifies that a vehicle operating under the provisions of an overweight permit is not subject to the tire width requirement of 600 pounds per inch of tire width.

Public Law 2005, chapter 433 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 23, 2005.

P & S 2	An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2006	LD 375
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 2 makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2006 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

RESOLVE 1	Resolve, To Designate a Certain Intersection in Sidney as the Trooper Jeffrey S. Parola Memorial	LD 163
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CARR DAVIS P	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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Resolve 2005, chapter 1 designates the intersection of Lyons Road and Route 104 in Sidney as the Trooper Jeffrey S. Parola Memorial. Trooper Parola was killed at this intersection while dutifully responding to a tactical team call.

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RESOLVE 13 **Resolve, To Rename Chick Road in Lebanon and Sanford after the Late State Representative Howard Chick** **LD 45**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE COURTNEY	OTP	

Resolve 2005, chapter 13 renames Chick Road, in the Town of Sanford and the Town of Lebanon, to the “Representative Howard A. Chick Road”, in memory of the late State Representative, Howard A. Chick.

RESOLVE 22 **Resolve, To Name the New Augusta Bridge** **LD 1280**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LERMAN MITCHELL	OTP	

Resolve 2005, chapter 22 establishes the Augusta Bridge Naming Committee, composed of the Augusta legislative delegation, the mayor and 3 city councilors of Augusta and a resident of Kennebec County. The law requires the committee to propose a name for the new Augusta bridge that crosses the Kennebec River north of the Father Curran Bridge to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than December 7, 2005.

RESOLVE 23 **Resolve, To Continue Efforts of the Department of Transportation To Balance Public Safety and Access to Land by Landowners** **LD 821**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KAELIN	OTP	

Resolve 2005, chapter 23 directs the Department of Transportation to continue to hold public hearings on Chapter 299: Highway Driveway and Entrance Rules, Parts A and B as authorized by Resolve 2001, chapter 46.

RESOLVE 42 **Resolve, To Establish the Wabanaki Trail** **LD 1122**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LORING MITCHELL	OTP-AM	H-262

Resolve 2005, chapter 42 establishes a task force consisting of the Department of Economic and Community Development and its Office of Tourism, the Department of Transportation and the University of Maine System in conjunction with the Penobscot Nation to jointly develop the Wabanaki Trail, including designating roads, routes and points of interest, creating signage and creating web-based maps that include old canoe trails on waterways.

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**RESOLVE 48 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To
Strengthen Guardrails on Old County Road in Rockland and
Thomaston**

LD 1583

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAZUREK SAVAGE	OTP	

Resolve 2005, chapter 48 directs the Department of Transportation to inspect the guardrails on Old County Road in Rockland and Thomaston and to take action necessary to ensure they meet current safety standards.